PIANC USA
Latin America Activities

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Background

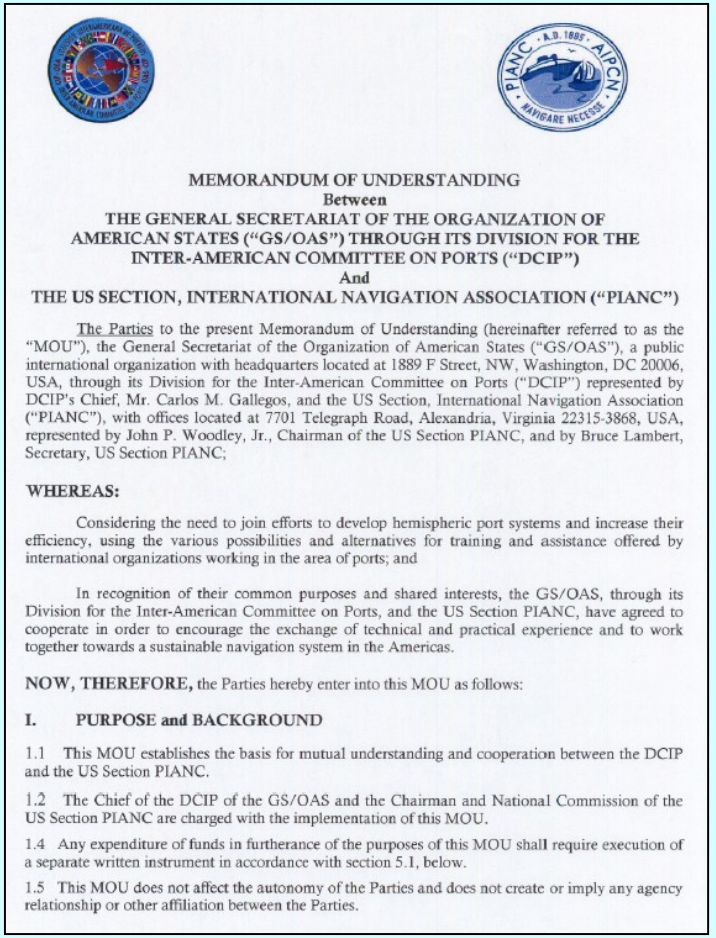
- Many Latin American nations looking to modernize and expand port facilities, deepen harbors, and improve reliability of inland waterways
- PIANC not well established in region – (Argentina only member, Brazil taking initial steps) opportunity for outreach
- While with PIANC USA, Bruce Lambert made a concerted effort to broaden navigation contacts and introduce PIANC to region

OAS-CIP

- The Organization of American States Inter-American Committee on Ports (OAS-CIP) is a key forum bringing together navigation officials throughout the Americas from 34 member nations
- MOU between the Inter-American Committee on Ports (CIP) of the Organization of American States (OAS) and the International Navigation Association (PIANC), U. S. Section was signed by ASA(CW) John Paul Woodley 7 December 2005.

PIANC-CIP MOU

- Areas of Interest
  - Forum for cooperation on port development
  - Share best practices
  - Cooperate with governments and private sector on development programs, projects, technical assistance
  - Training and personnel
  - Promoting a network of international navigation and port professionals
- Areas of Mutual Cooperation
  - International collaboration
  - Technical cooperation
  - Conduct training and continuing education
  - Sharing events and activities
  - Promote exchange of views and information
- Undertake Joint Projects



MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
Between
THE GENERAL SECRETARIAT OF THE ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES ("GS/OAS") THROUGH ITS DIVISION FOR THE INTER-AMERICAN COMMITTEE ON PORTS ("DCIP")
And
THE US SECTION, INTERNATIONAL NAVIGATION ASSOCIATION ("PIANC")

The Parties to the present Memorandum of Understanding (hereinafter referred to as the "MOU"), the General Secretariat of the Organization of American States ("GS/OAS"), a public international organization with headquarters located at 1889 F Street, NW, Washington, DC 20006, USA, through its Division for the Inter-American Committee on Ports ("DCIP") represented by DCIP's Chief, Mr. Carlos M. Gallegos, and the US Section, International Navigation Association ("PIANC"), with offices located at 7701 Telegraph Road, Alexandria, Virginia 22315-3868, USA, represented by John P. Woodley, Jr., Chairman of the US Section PIANC, and by Bruce Lambert, Secretary, US Section PIANC;

WHEREAS:

Considering the need to join efforts to develop hemispheric port systems and increase their efficiency, using the various possibilities and alternatives for training and assistance offered by international organizations working in the area of ports; and

In recognition of their common purposes and shared interests, the GS/OAS, through its Division for the Inter-American Committee on Ports, and the US Section PIANC, have agreed to cooperate in order to encourage the exchange of technical and practical experience and to work together towards a sustainable navigation system in the Americas.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Parties hereby enter into this MOU as follows:

I. PURPOSE and BACKGROUND

1.1 This MOU establishes the basis for mutual understanding and cooperation between the DCIP and the US Section PIANC.

1.2 The Chief of the DCIP of the GS/OAS and the Chairman and National Commission of the US Section PIANC are charged with the implementation of this MOU.

1.4 Any expenditure of funds in furtherance of the purposes of this MOU shall require execution of a separate written instrument in accordance with section 5.1, below.

1.5 This MOU does not affect the autonomy of the Parties and does not create or imply any agency relationship or other affiliation between the Parties.

OAS-CIP (cont'd)

- The CIP has the following functions
  - To act as the principal advisory organ of the OAS and its Member States in all topics concerning port-sector development;
  - To propose and promote hemispheric cooperation policies in port-sector development;
  - To facilitate and promote the development and improvement of port-sector activities in the Hemisphere;
  - To promote the adoption of cooperation agreements pertaining to the port sector among the governments of Member States and the Permanent Observer States before the OAS;
  - To collect and disseminate information related to port-sector activities among member States;
  - To generate, analyze, propose, and adopt programs, projects, and activities on port-sector matters, among others.
- MARAD leads US delegation to OAS-CIP, with participation by USCG, EPA, State Dept., and DOD, including Navy and USACE.

TAGs of the OAS-CIP

- One way the CIP encourages port sector cooperation is through its public and private partnerships. To facilitate, the CIP works through Technical Advisory Groups (TAGs) which provide technical advice to the Committee on specific issues of port development.
- Currently four TAGs *(lead country)*:
  - Port Logistics and Competitiveness - *Mexico*
  - Port Security – *United States*
  - Navigation Safety - *Argentina*
  - Environmental Port Protection - *Venezuela*

OAS-CIP Recent Coordination Activities

- Fifth General Assembly of OAS-CIP – *Sep 07, Salvador, Brazil*
- Ninth meeting of CIP Executive Board – *Dec 07, Lima, Peru*
- Third Hemispheric Conference on Port Security– *Apr 08, Punta Cana, Dominican Republic*
- Article “The Inter-American Committee on Ports (CIP)” by Carlos Gallegos, PIANC USA Bulletin 2nd Quarter 2008

CIP Third Hemispheric Conference on Port Security

- Attended by representatives of 31 countries, plus observer organizations
- US delegation led by Sean Connaughton, Maritime Administrator
- Principal panel sessions included:
  - International standards and regulations for port security
  - National reports on the state of port security
  - Common problems and solutions: leg technological, financial, training, logi

Other Latin America Coordination

- Authored article for OAS-CIP Magazine on behalf of PIANC USA “U.S. Harbor Improvements: Preparing for a New Generation of Containerships”
- Participated in AAPA / MARAD Seminar on Trade Implications of Expanding the Panama Canal
- Upcoming: Second Bi-Lateral (Brazil-US) Inland Waterways Navigation Conference
  - Coordinated by Corps’ Mississippi Valley and South Atlantic Divisions
  - PIANC USA will have a support and information role

Opportunities for PIANC-USA

- Aspects of expanded cooperation in Latin America of particular interest to PIANC USA include opportunities to help provide expertise on:
  - port management
  - development of common standards
  - improving dredging technology
  - addressing ballast water issues, and,
  - in the case of Brazil, assisting in some capacity with their ambitious plans for inland waterway development in the Amazon and Parana-Paraguay basins

- Continue coordination with OAS-CIP to implement and leverage goals of MOU